(c) if not, whether Government will favourably pursue the proposal as and when the same is received?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Cases pending in Supreme Court

*546. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pending in the Supreme Court as on 31st March, 2007;

(b) what is their State-wise break-up;

(c) what is the year-wise pendency for the last ten years; and

(d) whether any special steps are proposed to be taken to liquidate this pendency like late sittings introduced in Vadodara and Ahmedabad districts of Gujarat since November 2006?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) As per information available there are 41581 cases pending in the Supreme Court at the end of March, 2007.

(b) and (c) Information has been called for from the Supreme Court and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) It is for the Hon'ble Supreme Court to decide on its hours of sitting for disposing cases before it.

NTPC's Power Project in Sri Lanka

*547. DR.K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Power Finance Corporation Limited has proposed to finance NTPC's Power Project in Sri Lanka;

(b) if so, what is the project cost and the stage of the project; and